

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 119  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor James O. Baker of Rutherford County on his election as President of NRECA.

WHEREAS, in recognition of his vast knowledge of his profession and his exceptional leadership ability, James O. Baker has been elected to the prestigious post of president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and

WHEREAS, NRECA is the Washington, D.C.-based service organization that represents the nation's 1,020 non-profit consumer-owned rural electric cooperatives, that provide electric service to more than 25 million people in 46 states; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Lascassas, Mr. Baker received his Bachelor's Degree in engineering from Vanderbilt University. His career in rural electrification began in 1960 at Middle Tennessee Electric where he held various electrical engineering positions; and

WHEREAS, an immensely talented and industrious professional, Mr. Baker became assistant general manager of Middle Tennessee Electric in 1979 and president in 1980; and

WHEREAS, his perseverance and his work ethic have proven worthwhile; he is active in the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, the statewide association based in Nashville; he serves on the Association's Group Purchase, Legislative and Tax committees and chairs the state Action Committee for Rural Electrification; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's diligent pursuit of excellence, has led him to represent Tennessee on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Board since 1985; he has also ably represented NRECA on the board of the Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California and he has served astutely as president of the Central District Managers Association and of the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is an active and vital part of his community and his profession; he participates in numerous civic organizations, including the Lions and Sportsman's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys hunting, fishing and cooking as hobbies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is a devout Christian and evinces his strong belief in the Lord through his membership at North Boulevard Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mariluise, and their children, Mark Baker and Connie Holbrook; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to congratulate and honor James O. Baker, who has consistently served as a model professional and an exemplary public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate James O. Baker on being elected president of NRECA, recognize his many contributions to his profession, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.